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Anthropologist of the Fortnight

Ibn Khaldun (1332-1406)

Ibn Khaldun was one of the world's first social scientists and was one of the strongest personalities of Arab-Muslim world while he lived. Born in Tunis as Ibn Khaldun, Wali al-Din 'Abd al-Rahman b. Muhammad b. Muhammad b. Abi Bakr Muhammad b. al-Hasan in 1332, this philosopher, historian and sociologist is best known for his book **Al Muqaddimah** (the Introduction to History) which describes the rise and fall of states through a constant renewal of the ruling group by nomads conquering the towns and settled lands. Although much has changed since **Ibn Khaldun's** time, current conceptualizations core-periphery and global-local connections are reminiscent of this great thinker's analysis.

Quotation of the Fortnight

Prestige is an accident that affects human beings. It comes into being and decays inevitably. No human being exists who possesses an unbroken pedigree of nobility from Adam down to himself. – Ibn Khaldun

Anthropological Terms of Interest

Eid Al-Fitr or the Celebration of Breaking the Fast, marks the end of Ramadan (the month of fasting). **Eid Al-Fitr** is a celebration of the good things that we have received from God's (Allah's) bounty. Most donate money or food for those who cannot afford to celebrate.

AnthroClub

A Word from the Pres.

Hello all! Just wanted to let you know that our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2 (Day of the Dead) at 1:00 (in the afternoon) in room PB 390.

I received a great idea from Jill about fund raising and have called a company regarding T-shirts. Hope to see you all there! -Tara Ders

AnthroAnnouncements Caribbean Culture and Schooling Travel Study Program

Applications are being accepted through Friday, October 21, 2005. "Caribbean Culture and Schooling" will take place in Trinidad and Tobago from December 27, 2005 through January 5, 2006 and offers six units of Extension credit. Scholarships are available for Fresno State students. For details on the program, contact: Dr. Claire Sham Choy, 278-0345, <mailto:cshamchoy@csufresno.edu> or Dr. Yaw Oheneba-Sakyi, 278-4423 or 278-2832, <mailto:yoheneba@csufresno.edu>

Make A Difference Day - Volunteer on October 22nd!

CSUFresno, The Volunteer Center of Fresno, Councilmember Tom Boyajian's office and other City of Fresno entities are participating in Make A Difference Day on Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Office of Civic Engagement and Service-Learning would like to invite students, staff and faculty to participate.

Make a Difference Day is a national event encompassing the most comprehensive nation-wide day of helping others. It is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. In Fresno, the day will include landscape clean up at schools, parks and on street medians and trails, as well as at The Discovery Center. Each city council members' office will determine the specific projects in their district. City Council Member Larry Westerlund's office is working in conjunction with Fresno State to determine clean up projects near campus so students are able to participate even if transportation is an issue.

For those interested in the city-wide project, a kick-off event will take place on October 22nd at 8 a.m. at Fresno City Hall. After the kick-off volunteers will go to their respective clean up sites. The day will wrap up at 12 p.m. when volunteers will return to City Hall for a free celebration barbeque.

All members of the campus community are encouraged to volunteer with the city-wide event, or through projects coordinated by the Office of Civic Engagement and Service-Learning. For more information and to register to volunteer contact Renee Delpont in the Office of Civic Engagement and Service Learning at 278-7063, or rdelpont@csufresno.edu. **Deadline for registration is Thursday, October 20th.**

For more information on National Make A Difference Day visit: www.usaweekend.com/diffday/aboutmadd.html.

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Anthropology Courses Spring 2006 Registration begins Nov. 7, 2005
-Sign up today-

Anth 2 – Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; MWF 9-9:50 (Delcore), TTH 9:30-10:45 (Gruenbaum), 12:30-1:45 (Delcore). Examines culture, humanity's unique mechanism for adapting to the changing environment. Explores the varieties of human cultural life, from hunters and gatherers to industrial civilization. GE: Breadth, Area D3.

Anth 3 – Introduction to Prehistory & Physical Anthropology TTH 9:30-10:45 (Pryor)
Biological and cultural basis of being human. Covers our primate relatives; traces the biological and cultural evolution of our species from earliest ancestors through the development of agriculture and emergence of civilization. GE: Breadth Area D3.

Anth 30 – Critical Thinking in Anthropology
8 sections: MWF 10, 12, 2, 4; TTh 11, 12:30, 3:30; Tu 6-8:50 (LaJeunesse). For instructors, see my.csufresno.edu. Distinguish belief vs. knowledge and fact vs. opinion; examine relationship between language/logic; inductive/deductive reasoning; informal/formal fallacies; socio-cultural context of critical thinking. GE: Foundation A3.

Anth 101A– Intro. to Fieldwork in Archaeology (6). Intro to basic methods and strategies for archaeological excavation and site survey. Involves commitment by students to a block of time in the field away from campus after the semester. (Pryor)

Anth 101B—Advanced Fieldwork in Archaeology (6). Advanced methods and strategies for archaeological excavation and site survey. Block of time in the field away from campus. Arr. (Pryor)

Anth 104—History and Theory of Anthropology. Tu 6-8:50 (Delcore). History of the growth of anthropological thought through an analysis of five major theoretical schools: 19th century Evolutionists, British Functionalists, Historical Particularists, Neo-evol./Marxists, and Cognitivists. Pre-req. Anth 100.

Anth 105W – Applied Anthropology
Multiple sections. The use of anthropological data and concepts to address contemporary issues in education, health care, law, environmental planning, etc. Meets GE: Integration ID. Meets UD writing requirement.

Anth 116W – Anthropology of Religion
Multiple sections. Belief systems of the world's societies; the role of religion in individual and group perceptions, cognition, ritual, and social organization; myth, magic, shamanism, mysticism, witchcraft. GE: Integration ID. Meets UD writing requirement.

Anth 118—Women: Culture and Biology. TTh 2-3:15 (Gruenbaum) (Same as WS 170). Cross-cultural, interdisciplinary analysis of the determinants of female statuses and circumstances. Examines theories that explain variations in sexuality, maturation, reproduction, and the life cycle.

Anth 120 – Ethnic Relations and Cultures
MWF 12-12:50 (Ettner). The cultural and social origins of ethnicity. Ethnic politics, economics and ideology in cross-cultural perspective. GE: MI.

Anth 123 – Peoples and Cultures of Southeast Asia. TTh 3:30-4:45 (Delcore). Survey of the cultural and historical adaptations of societies in Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and others. Major effects of East/West culture contact. GE: MI.

Anth 125 – Tradition and Change in China and Japan. TTh 9:30-10:45 (Ng) (Same as Hum 140). Examines current aspirations and problems of the Chinese and Japanese in terms of their traditional cultures, and explains how their histories, values, world views, and intellectual traditions affect their lifestyles and international relations today. GE: MI.

Anth 159T – Lithics. W 6-8:50 (Binning). Topic in Archaeology curriculum.

Anth 159T – Origins in Agriculture. TTh 2-3:15 (Dodd). Examines the origin and spread of agriculture across the globe. Traces how and why humans underwent a gradual transition from a foraging to a farming existence.

Anth 161 – Bio-Behavioral Evolution of the Human Species. Multiple sections. Examines the evolution of the human species and its relationship to living and extinct Primates. Biological basis of human culture. Integrates evolutionary biology, geochronology, and anthropology. GE: Integration IB.

Anth 164 – Human Osteology. M 6-8:50 (LaJeunesse). Analytic techniques for extracting information from human skeletal remains: sexing and aging, osteometry, odontometry, examination and diagnosis of epigenetic traits and pathological lesion, statistical interpretation of skeletal data.

Anth 190 – Independent Study by arrangement

Anth 192 – Directed Reading by arrangement

Anth 193 – Internship in Anthro by arrangement;

Anth 194 – Honors Thesis by arrangement

Anth 195 – Colloquium. F 4-5:50 Current problems in the field of anthropology.